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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9, 13, 14, 20-22, 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 10, 11, 16-19 and 23-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6, 10-12, 16-19, 23-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 16-19, and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin et al. (US 6,553,063) in view of Chennakeshu et al (US 6,314,081).

- a) Regarding to claim 1, Lin et al disclose a method of communicating a desired bit sequence over a wireless communication link, comprising:

including the desired bit sequence in each of a plurality of transmissions over the wireless communication link (transmitter and receiver as shown in Fig. 6);

producing in response to each of the plurality of transmissions a received bit sequence corresponding to the desired bit sequence (input line 25 in Fig. 3; Col 10, L13);

obtaining information indicative of communication quality associated with each of the plurality of transmissions (SNR 28 in Fig. 3); and

making a determination of the desired bit sequence based on a combination of the received bit sequences and the communication quality information (block 29 in Fig. 3; Col 4, L15-64).

Lin et al. disclose all the subject matters above except for the specific teaching of the desired bit sequence is included a number N times, wherein N is greater than one.

However, Chennakeshu et al disclose a mobile communication system including each packets being transmitted multiple times to a receiver, wherein errors are checked to ensure reliability (Fig. 4; Col 6, L17-38). Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in art to combine the packets multiple transmission and reception teaching by Chennakeshu et al in the communication system of Lin et al. By doing so, ensure digital communication accuracy and reliability. Eliminate undesirable data and data lose.

- b) Regarding to claim 2, Lin et al discloses obtaining step includes estimating signal-to-noise ratios respectively associated with the plurality of transmissions. (SNR 28 in Fig. 3)
- c) Regarding to claim 3, Lin et al discloses transmitting the plurality of transmissions on respectively different transmission frequencies. (Col 1, L60-62)
- d) Regarding to claims 5 and 18, Lin et al discloses producing step includes decoding each of a plurality of packets which are respectively included in the plurality of transmissions and in each of which is included the desired bit sequence. (26 in Fig. 3; Col 4, L35-50)

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e) Regarding to claim 6, Lin et al discloses making step includes providing in response to the received bit sequences and the communication quality information a plurality of predetermined probabilities that the respective received bit sequences correspond to a predetermined bit sequence that could possibly be the desired bit sequence. (31 in Fig. 3; Col 3, L42- Col 4, L14 and MLSE; Col 4, L35-63)

f) Regarding to claim 10, Lin et al disclose wherein said obtaining step includes obtaining a plurality of correction values respectively associated with the plurality of transmissions (Fig. 6; Col 7, L29-60).

g) Regarding to claim 11, Lin et al disclose wherein said making step included making a determination that the received bit sequence corresponding to the largest of the correlation values is the desired bit sequence. (MLSE)

h) Regarding to claim 16, Lin et al disclose a wireless communication apparatus, comprising:

a first input for receiving a plurality of received bit sequences respectively produced in response to a plurality of transmissions received via a wireless communication link, each of said received bit sequences corresponding to a desired bit sequence included in each of said plurality of transmissions (25 in Fig. 3);

a second input for receiving information indicative of communication quality associated with each of the plurality of transmissions (28 in Fig. 3); and

a determiner coupled to said inputs for making a determination of the desired bit sequence based on the received bit sequences and the communication quality information (29 in Fig. 3).

Line et al. disclose all the subject matters above except for the specific teaching of receiving a number N of received bit sequences respectively produced in response to the number N of transmission received via a wireless communication link.

However, Chennakeshu et al disclose a mobile communication system including each packets being transmitted multiple times to a receiver, wherein errors are checked to ensure reliability (Fig. 4; Col 6, L17-38). Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in art to combine the packets multiple transmission and reception teaching by Chennakeshu et al in the communication system of Lin et al. By doing so, ensure digital communication accuracy and reliability. Eliminate undesirable data and data lose.

- i) Regarding to claim 19, Lin et al discloses determiner is operable for providing in response to the received bit sequences and the communication quality information a plurality of predetermined probabilities that the respective bit sequences correspond to a predetermined bit sequence that could possibly be the desired bit sequence. (Col 4, L15-64)
- j) Regarding to claim 23, Lin et al disclose a correlator (78 in Fig. 6) coupled to said second input for producing a plurality of correlation values respectively associated with said plurality of transmissions and providing the correlation values to said second input (Col 7, L29-60).
- k) Regarding to claim 24, Lin et al disclose wherein said making step includes making a determination that the predetermined bit sequence corresponding to the largest of the products is the desired bit sequence (inherent as MLSE).

I) Regarding to claim 25, Lin et al disclose the determiner includes a combiner coupled to said first and second inputs for combining the received bit sequences with the corresponding correlation values. (inherent as block 26 in Fig. 3)

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin et al (US 6,553,063) in view of Chennakeshu et al (US 6,314,081), in further view of applicant admitted prior art (AAPA).

Regarding claims 4 and 17, Lin et al discloses a transceiver for cellular mobile radio telephone system and all the subject matter as described above except for the specific teaching of a bluetooth link.

AAPA discloses typical bluetooth devices include cordless phone station, and LAN access point, etc. Bluetooth is essentially used for voice communications.
(background, Page 3-4)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ the bluetooth link as the communication link in the Lin et

al system to improve the communication quality and providing more gain in channel fading for plurality of transmissions.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 12 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 7-9,13,14,20-22, and 27 are allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art teaches or suggests a communication system comprising a combining step includes multiplying each of the received bit sequences by one of the corresponding correlation value and the square of the corresponding correlation value to produce a plurality of multiplication results.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eva Y Zheng whose telephone number is 571-272-3049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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